

# How Opportune

For you. The cold-wave signal ordered up—the weather people predicting the coldest spell of the winter, and all of our WINTER-WEIGHT OVERCOATS for both men and boys reduced to

## HALF PRICE.

It's the chance of a lifetime. There are styles and qualities very few of the best tailors can equal, and at original prices were the lowest in town for same grades, and at ONE-HALF they are by all odds the biggest bargains you ever heard of. If you buy one and don't like it we'll buy it back.

Everything else in the store—Men's and Boys' Suits, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings—at ONE-THIRD OFF.

**Robinson, Chery & Co.,**  
12th and F Streets N. W.

Johnstons, 729 7th Street.  
Tea Dept. Special.  
**Free Sugar.**  
5 pounds of Best Granulated Sugar given to each purchaser of one pound of Tea or with each 3-pound purchase of 30-cent Java and Mocha Coffee.

Coffee Dept. Special.  
Arbuckle's Coffee, Today, **16 1/2c**  
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The Best Butterine, **14c**

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Kettle Rendered Lard, **6c**  
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Star Soap, Borax Soap, Family Soap, **2 1/2c**

Canned Goods Special.  
Canned Peas, Canned Corn, Lima Beans, **6c**

Fresh Meat Dept.  
Special Egg Sale, **16 1/2c**  
Johnstons, 729 7th St.

Men's Clothing Less Than Half.  
A few price hints of what our firm determination to clear winter stock quickly really means—samples of big reductions all over the store.

**SUITS FOR MEN.**  
Men's Black and Blue Cheviot Suits, never sold for less than \$25.00. Men's Cheviot Suits, never sold for less than \$25.00. Men's Fine Gray Suits, never sold for less than \$25.00.

**Overcoats for Men.**  
Fine Heavy Cheviot Storm Coats, never sold for less than \$25.00. Men's Overcoats, never sold for less than \$25.00. Men's Fine Gray Suits, never sold for less than \$25.00.

**H. Friedlander & Bro.**  
Cor. 9th and E Streets N. W.

Get Ready For "Inauguration" Crowds.  
The saloons, cafes and stores that are lighted by electricity will get the biggest patronage during the inauguration. Crowds are always drawn to the bright, cheerful-looking places of business. See us about supplying electric current at once.

**U. S. Electric Lighting Co.**  
215 14th St. N. W. Phone 77.

**Our Store News**  
It's a very interesting, interesting fact that we have a fine Sack Suit to order for \$8.40.

**Mertz & Mertz,**  
New Era Tailors, 906 F Street.

Our are not wanes and liquors of doubt—their quality—their purity and their cheapness are always a surety at P. J. & Co., 5th and La. Ave.

## THE PRISONER'S EMOTION

Walter King Sobbed as the Judge Questioned Him.

### ASHAMED TO GO TO HIS HOME

Poverty and Privation Have So Changed the Lad's Appearance, A Sextet of Unfortunates Were Quickly Disposed of—Lewis Gray's Vandal Act in the Capitol.

Lewis Gray, colored, was passing through the Capitol yesterday, and when he reached the Statuary Hall he paused to light his cigar. He was arrested and arraigned in court this morning.

Capitol Detective Smith testified before Judge Kimball today that Gray struck a match on the statue of Daniel Webster and left a big black mark on his face.

Gray took the stand and informed the court that the act was unintentional on his part. "I came along in a big hurry, judge, your honor," said Lewis, "and had something on my mind. I wasn't a slinking judge, I don't do that kind of stuff generally, your honor."

"I've had all sorts of cases, but this is the worst. Five dollars," the fine was paid.

Walter King and Edward Roberts were behind the bars on the time-honored and time-covered charge of vagrancy.

"King," said his honor, as that individual, a lank, forlorn-looking man, took the stand, "you were up before me some four months ago. I let you go on the strength of a receipt of money from your friends. Before three months had elapsed you were back in the city. I saw you on the streets."

"Yes, sir,"

"Roberts took the stand. 'Judge,' he said, 'I intend to go home.'"

"Where do you live?"

"Richmond, sir."

"Well,"

"I went to the Associated Charities and could get nothing. I then went to a lady's house and begged a pair of shoes. She told me to call later in the day. I called later, and was leaving the house when a policeman nabbed me."

"Where have you been living recently?"

"I've been walking around mostly. I walked from Toronto here."

"When did you get here?"

"Day before yesterday."

"Why don't you go home?"

"I don't propose to go into Virginia like I am dressed now."

At this point the young man, who had the appearance of being an amateur on the road, burst into tears, and his voice shook with sobs as he answered the court's inquiry as to his proposed length of stay in the city.

"I'm ashamed to go home in the clothes I want to get work here and get some money to put up a decent appearance when I go home."

"Which is better," asked his honor, "to go home in shabby clothes or to go from here in the clothes you are wearing?"

"I don't know, sir."

Capt. A. M. Fuller, who has figured in the recent Dupont circle hack-drivers' cases, interposed.

"Your honor," said Capt. Fuller, "I believe this man is honest. His countenance favorably impresses me. I have a suit of clothes at home that has been lying idle for such a man as this is for a long time. I propose, judge, to give him the clothes."

Roberts left the courtroom with the colored man and King went down for sixty days.

James Dunn, John Harrison, John Carigan, Charles Kraemer, William Melton and William Gardner, a sextet of unfortunate men, were before Judge Kimball, charged with vagrancy. The men applied at the Fourth precinct station last night for lodging. Instead of being ejected as lodgers their names were jotted down on the blotter as vagrants.

Policeman Sontag effected the removal of the men to the police court this morning. Carigan and Gardner stated to the court that they intended to get work in the city if work was not done here.

"The other four men," said the policeman, "have been at the station several times during the past month."

Gardner's personal bonds were taken and the other men were given thirty days each.

Frank E. Atterbury, a young man, was the next in the dock.

"Judge, I was trying to get work. I was not begging. I was just coming in town. I got in here about 1 o'clock."

"Is that all?" asked his honor.

"Yes, sir."

"Have you friends to go to?"

"Yes, sir. In Virginia."

"Well, go to your friends," said the court.

Charles Scott was found last night lying in the roadway near Stott's station by a mounted policeman of the Eighth precinct. Scott claimed to be ill, and was taken to Freedman's Hospital in the patrol wagon.

Dr. Wolf recognized Scott as an old hospital patient, who is seldom out of the wards for more than two weeks at a time. The physician examined the would-be patient, and failing to detect any disturbance in his health, confined him to his room.

man Murphy, of the Eighth precinct, arrested the man. At the station a charge of vagrancy was entered on the blotter against his name, and this morning Scott went down for thirty days.

## The Times

TRADE MARK OF THE PUBLICATION

### BONA FIDE CIRCULATION.

The circulation of The Times for the week ended January 15, 1897, was as follows:

Saturday, January 8.....	37,100
Sunday, January 10.....	24,050
Monday, January 11.....	35,994
Tuesday, January 12.....	35,638
Wednesday, January 13.....	35,010
Thursday, January 14.....	35,080
Friday, January 15.....	35,420

Total copies printed..... 239,252

Less damaged copies, copies unsold in office and copies returned from news stands and branch offices. 14,319

Total..... 224,933

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of circulation for the week ended January 15, 1897.

WILLIAM P. LEECH, Manager of Circulation.

Advertisers are cordially invited to visit our press and mailing rooms at all times and verify the above statement.

## THEY TOOK FRENCH LEAVE

John Hunter and Robert Ryan Escaped From the Reform School.

It Was Feared That There Would Be a Wholesale Delivery of the Other Boys.

Reform School environments became treacherous and treacherous to John Hunter and Robert Ryan, aged fifteen and fourteen respectively, and they slipped for the air of freedom, and to roam about at will.

About 7 o'clock last night they took French leave of the institution out on the Bladensburg road, and whether they went no one knows, for late this afternoon nothing had been seen or heard of them.

John has been at the school for over a year. He is a bright boy, but as wild as a Texas steer. Up to last night his conduct at the place has been as good as the average, and he has given the instructors little trouble. Robbie Ryan is not so bright. His fault lies in getting into bad company, which has more than once led him astray and caused him to remain away from a good home for days at a time.

His father is Thomas Ryan, attorney, living at No. 292 G street, and when Robbie ran away from home in April last, he had the boy placed in the Reform School.

John and Robbie became very intimate at the school, and were often seen together. How long they had been planning their escape no one knows, but they were successful.

Seventy of the boys were in the study room last night in charge of instructor John W. Martin. Suddenly, without the least warning, the students started to run. Under cover of the darkness they swiftly ran away, and a thorough search for two hours last night failed to reveal any clue.

Mounted Officer Rogers of the Ninth precinct was notified, and word was sent to the station to look out for the youths. Neither of them had any money, and it is thought that they did not come to Washington but went to Baltimore.

Mrs. Ryan, the mother of one of the boys, was distressed this morning, fearing that her son would get away and not return. He did not come home, she said, and if he did he would be only too glad to turn him over to the officers.

**FULLER SAW DOUBLE.**

The Actors on the Stage Made Him Yell With Delight.

John Fuller became intoxicated yesterday afternoon and went to the matinee performance at the Washington Theatre. John Fuller is known as the "optical illusion" brand, and the persons on the stage were multiplied many times in his vision as a result.

When Fuller saw about a dozen imaginary "yellow kids" instead of the single real one, he began to yell, and in the end, indulging in grotesque antics, he let out a yell which woke the echoes. Fuller followed this up by making a series of loud remarks addressed to the actors and actresses.

One of Manager Whitsett's strictest rules is that no order shall be received in his playhouse, so Special Officer C. L. Grant was called upon to eject the man of many visions. While being taken out under arrest, Fuller also indulged in profanity.

When the prisoner was arraigned before Judge Kimball this morning the liquor had died out in him, and his vision had been reduced to the single-sight caliber. He said he was very sorry for what he had done, but his honor replied that good order and decorum must be preserved in the theaters. Fuller was fined \$5, or fifteen days in the chain gang.

**News From the Force.**

Lieut. Ames, of the First, is still ill at his home.

Stationkeeper G. P. Butler, of No. 2, has been granted leave of absence.

To the sick list: also H. Ward and C. H. Steinbocker, of the Seventh.

Policemen W. M. Carrington and J. E. Lightfoot, of the Second, have been added to the list.

Patrolman W. T. Tyler, of the Fifth, has been granted leave of absence with pay.

Policeman J. A. Williams, of the First, and Policeman G. H. Williams, of the Fourth, are on leave.

Policeman J. A. Pearson, of the Eighth, who was shot at by a burglar near the Eckington power house several weeks ago, is on the sick leave.

Policeman C. A. Carlson, the "faller" cop of the First, who was gold medal awarded him by the government for bravery in saving human life, is confined to his home by sickness, as is Patrolman H. R. Warren, of the same precinct.

**Fires Cured in 3 to 6 Nights.**

Dr. Agnew's Ointment will cure all cases of itching Piles in from 3 to 6 nights. One application brings comfort. For Blind and Bleeding Piles it is superior. Also cure Tetter, Salt Rheum, Ringworm, Itch, and all eruptions of the skin. 35 cents.

Sold by F. S. Williams & Co., Ninth and F streets, and Edmonds & Williams, Third and Pennsylvania avenues.

## We're Silencing

The Sham Shoe Sales.

### With honest Footwear—every pair stamped with our name—as a guarantee of true merit—at lower prices than same qualities can be bought for at any other advertised Shoe Sale in Washington.

This war of ours is profitable to the public, though expensive to us, but we are fighting for honor and right in Shoe Selling against the sham and deception of the prevailing Fake Shoe Sales.

Following are some of today's Great Shoe Plums:

Dress and Durable School Shoes for Boys and Girls. \$1 and \$1.25 qualities. **69c**

Misses' Fine Kid and Tan and Straight Grained Boots, Dix's famous make. \$1.75 qualities. **\$1.15**

Boys' Extension Sole Tan and Black Shoes, sharp or broad toes; \$2.00 qualities. **\$1.37**

Ladies' Fine Kid Kid Button and Laced Boots; Sole, Lace and Gaiters. \$2.00 qualities. **\$1.37**

Men's Genuine Cork Sole, Lace and Gaiters. \$2.50 qualities. **\$1.65**

Men's Best Winter Knitted Fur-lined Boots, Box Calf Shoes; \$4.00 qualities. **\$2.85**

WM. HAHN & CO.'S

Reliable Shoe Houses,

1014 and 1016 Pa. Ave. 930 and 932 7th St. 223 Penn. Ave. S. E.

## EVILS TO BE CORRECTED

Important Changes in the Printing of Public Documents.

THE BILL NOW IN CONGRESS

Only Two Objections to the Measure Prepared by Supt. Crandall, of the Government Printing Office, Have Been Made—The Want of System and the Results.

A bill is now before the Senate which proposes important changes in some of the details of printing public documents. It was prepared by Supt. Crandall, of the Government Printing Office, and introduced after being submitted to all members of Congress, all librarians at government depositories, all the publishing bureaus of the government and about a thousand citizens for suggestions. Only two objections were received, and these were to leaving the size of the page in government books to the discretion of the Public Printer. The bill passed the House on May 9, and will probably pass the Senate before the close of this session.

One of the evils to be corrected by the bill is illustrated by recent correspondence in one of the departments. A call was made for the verification of certain figures purporting to come from the "Message and Documents" of 1867-68, pages 27 and 28. This reference appears simple and complete to the uninitiated, but it really leads at best to any one of half a dozen almost forgotten volumes in either of the two years named.

A search did not discover them in any of these books. The matter hung fire in the department for a month.

Finally it was turned over to the superintendent of documents. It was evident that the figures were from a Treasury report which never appears in the "message and documents." A reference to the "abridgement" of the "message and documents" for the date named brought the data required at the first trial.

And so, however, replace the lost time and temper in the department that first undertook the job. The absurdity of having an abridgement which contains important matter not to be found in the volumes abridged will be cured by the proposed legislation.

Another instance of bad publication which will be reformed is illustrated in the editions of the last report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. There are four of them. Only the first indicates in its title what can be found in it. The second or Department edition, is entitled, "Report of the Secretary of the Interior"; the third is "Message and Documents, Interior Department"; and the fourth, "Executive Documents of the House of Representatives."

The fault of having the title show what series of books the volume belongs to instead of what it is in began years ago, and it is not known who is responsible for it. The pending bill will discontinue all editions except the first, which is believed to be complete, correct and sufficient. If there is a demand for reprint cuts made. The bill further at once all sheep bindings for library supply, as they have proved very unsatisfactory, and provides for binding the publications of the several departments in distinctive colors.

Librarian Spofford has characterized the present want of system in publishing public documents as "the terror of librarians and the despair of all who try to consult. So intricate has been the numbering, arrangement and indexing and so continual the change in methods, that no one, except an expert giving his whole time to the business could successfully keep up with them."

Mr. Spofford approves the bill, as does the Public Printer, and a number of Senators, who replied to the request for suggestions. Its passage was urged by a vote of the 600 librarians who constitute the American Library Association at their annual meeting last fall. Nowhere will so many persons be benefited by it as in Washington, where the government publications are used daily by hundreds of persons, some of whom have made long journeys to consult them.

**HE WANTED A DIAMOND.**

Williams Took One From Mrs. Baldwin and Got Thirty Days in Jail.

Thorton Williams, colored, delivered an order of groceries yesterday at the residence of Miss Nellie Baldwin, No. 61 K street northeast.

When left alone for a few moments in the kitchen Thorton appropriated a diamond ring which was hanging from a nail on the wall. He was arrested by Detective Hartigan and Policeman Harry Lunsford, and in Judge Miller's court this morning Williams was sent to jail for thirty days.

**New Through Line to Indianapolis and Chicago.**

Commencing January 24, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will inaugurate a through line of Pullman Buffet Drawing room sleeping cars between Baltimore, Washington, Indianapolis and Chicago, via Cincinnati, leaving Washington 7:00 a. m., arriving Indianapolis 7:00 a. m., Chicago 12:00 noon. ja23,25,27,30-tel.3,5,8,11.

**HE HAD AN UGLY FALL.**

Joseph Richter Almost Cut His Ear Off by Falling From His Wagon.

While his wagon was standing in front of the Cochran Hotel this morning, Joseph Richter, of No. 357 M street southwest, a driver for Heurich's brewery, tried to look under his seat for some papers. He lost his balance and fell to the ground.

He struck on his head, and left shoulder, almost severing his left ear and sustaining several cuts and bruises. He was taken in the ambulance to the Emergency Hospital, where his injuries were dressed by Dr. Hoie. No dangerous hurts were found.

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If your nose feels obstructed. \$2.50 PER MONTH.

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If your ears ring or run. \$2.50 PER MONTH.

If you have any or all of these troubles the price will be only

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for office treatment and all medicines necessary for you to use at home.

**DR. JORDAN,**

604 11th St. N. W.,

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## City Brevities

Capt. Edward V. Gammon, who was for many years in command of a canal boat between Cumberland and Georgetown, died at his home in Bladensburg, Md., yesterday.

The Commissioners are unable for want of funds, to establish a night school at Woodburn, and the citizens' association of that suburb has been so informed.

While trying to separate two fighting dogs on the Mahomet lot, North Capitol and L streets, last evening, Frank Anderson, a colored boy, was seriously bitten on the right hand and arm.

The oil painting of the late Policeman Bathway, in his pose as "A Guardian of the Peace," is on free exhibition in the show window at No. 604 Ninth street northwest, and is attracting much attention.

Hon. J. W. Vanover, the West Virginia elector appointed by his colleagues to deliver the McKinley certificate to the Vice President, arrived yesterday and performed the duty assigned. He is registered at Willard's.

Thomas Duckett, the singing evangelist from Baltimore, announces that the weather being fair tomorrow he will hold a series of religious meetings in the alley of South Washington, at which he will sing his new gospel song, "Hasten to the Vineyard."

Dr. Rogers' lecture for a charitable object last Tuesday, at the Church of our Father, promises a very enjoyable evening. The music will be a special feature, embracing Scotch ballads and melodies. Dr. Rogers will read selections from "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush."

Rev. Dr. Fiske, the new pastor of Guntown Temple Memorial Church, will be formally received on Monday by the presbytery of Washington upon a letter of dismission by the Presbytery of Cayuga, N. Y. There will be a special meeting of the Presbytery for the purpose at the Church of the Covenant.

Gen. R. A. Alger Camp No. 25, of the Sons of Veterans, installed officers last night as follows: W. L. D. Wilkinson, commander; W. W. Orme, senior vice commander; Charles W. Scott, junior vice commander; David M. Turner, Leon Turner and W. W. Hall, camp council. A. S. K. Ray was appointed chaplain; John Malvin, first sergeant; Allen Thomas, color sergeant. Willis A. Madden was elected delegate to the annual division encampment.

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